

CHAPTER 602.

(House Bill 648)

AN ACT declaring the existence of an emergency by reason of war; making provision for necessary regulations and activities in relation to civilian defense; and authorizing the lease or loan of State property or the temporary transfer or employment of personnel of the State Government to or by the Armed Forces of the United States, and acceptance of Federal Aid in pursuance of the prosecution of the war.

FINDINGS: PURPOSES; POLICY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it is hereby found and declared that a state of emergency now exists in the United States and in the State of Maryland by reason of the war in which the United States is now engaged, resulting in conditions of imminent danger to the lives and property of the people of the State; that to provide adequately for the defense of the State, the safety of its people and the protection of the property and to give maximum aid to the government of the United States in the prosecution of said war, it is necessary that the State and its representatives be prepared to meet the extraordinary conditions, problems and dangers incident to war promptly under changing conditions and to cooperate with the government of the United States and the governments of other States in matters relating to the prosecution of said war and to the war effort.

GENERAL EMERGENCY WAR POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governor is authorized and empowered:

(a) *Cooperation with the President and Others.*

To cooperate with the President of the United States of America, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army, the Navy, and all military forces under his command; with other Federal departments, agencies, and independent establishments, and with the officers and agencies of other States in matters pertaining to the war and the common defense of the State and Nation and the incidents thereof.

(b) *Creation of Executive Committee.*

To appoint an Executive Committee composed of seven members of the present Maryland Council of Defense selected without regard to political affiliation, one of whom shall be representative of agriculture, one representative of organized labor,